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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

RE: Preserving the competition features---and others----of the Telecom act of 96.

I plead for the small competitors in the otherwise monopolistic-tending broadband and telephone markets. When I can afford broadband, I Hope to use an independent carrier because of the principle of competition in our market economy and because I know my neighbors love their independent Sonic services.

The claim that independents are 'effectively not remaining' indicates that the oligopolistic companies remain too strong, have been allowed too much market power. Please fix.

The economics idea of 'removing barriers to entry' to encourage small businesses can mean Keeping Regulation. Please do keep competition possible.

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